

**FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
and
FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD**

Joint Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2011
4:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 3300 Capital Ave, Building A
Fremont, CA

MINUTES

1. **Opening**

Call to Order: President Gebhardt called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Flag Salute: President Gebhardt led the salute to the flag.

Roll Call: City Council: Present: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan, Council members Natarajan, Harrison and Dutra.

FUSD Board: Present: President Gebhardt, Vice President Mei, Board members Sweeney and York,
Absent: Clerk Wu and Student Member Allison Tong

2. **Approval of the Minutes of May 2, 2011**

On a motion by Councilmember Dutra, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council and FUSD Board approved the minutes for the meeting of May 2, 2011 with the correction to reflect President Gebhardt led the Flag Salute.

Ayes: City Council: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan, Council members Dutra, Natarajan and Harrison.

FUSD Board: President Gebhardt, Vice President Mei, Clerk Wu, Board members Sweeney and York.

Noes: None

Abstain:

Absent: Student member Tong

3. **Oral Communications**

- Brandi Speier, Campus Supervisor expressed her opinion about not using Campus Supervisors and SROs to work during the 2011 TAK Stadium season.

- Eleanor Pickron, representing the LWVFNUC, invited the community to attend the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote event at the Fremont Main Library at 2PM.
- Les Mahler, former student of FUSD shared his concern about two students who went to war and asked that these students be honored with a memorial.

4. Public Comment on Items on the Agenda – None.

5. Report out from City/School “Subcommittee” – Councilmembers Harrison & Natarajan, Board Members Mei & York

City Manager Fred Diaz introduced the Subcommittee members and they shared information on those projects that are a collaboration between FUSD and the City. There were three top areas that emerged during the meetings; communication, facilities, greening and recycling.

Council members and FUSD Board members engaged in a question and answer period. No action was taken.

6. Presentation by the Library Commission

City Manager Fred Diaz introduced Robert Monkman and Dr. Rucci Sahota who provided information on the purpose, goals and objectives. In summary, the report showed 1) that Fremont Libraries are an essential part of our community; 2) usage of Fremont Libraries is continually increasing; and 3) funding trends are not favorable.

The Library Commission report cited areas of restoration to be considered. Restore Sunday hours at the Main Library during the school year; restore evening hours and morning service reduced over time; and restore a day at the Irvington, Centerville and Niles branches.

Council members and FUSD Board members engaged in a question and answer period. No action was taken.

7. Recycling Partnership Opportunities

City Manager Fred Diaz introduced Councilmember Natarajan who gave some background on what is happening regionally in the area of sustainability. There are partnerships and grants being offered that we need to be aware and take advantage of applying

Kathy Cote, Environmental Services Manager, provided the program history, which goes back to 1996 and also talked about the diversion goal of 50% waste. Educational opportunities were shared for student projects, assemblies, service learning waste reduction projects and tours of the Fremont Recycling & Transfer Station.

Staff responded to questions from Council members and FUSD Board members. No action was taken.

8. Attendance report by attendance area

Superintendent Jim Morris introduced the item by stating that there are many good things happening in the District. Dr. Morris shared information on the enrollment in each attendance area.

Council members and FUSD Board members engaged in a question and answer period. No action was taken.

9. Closing the Digital Divide – Comcast Program

Councilmember Chan introduced the “Get Connected” program offered through Comcast. Dr. Morris shared that our Director of Technology is working to get the word out to those families who qualify. Families who qualify can obtain internet access for \$9.99 per month and purchase a computer for \$149.00. To learn more go to www.internetessentials

Council members and FUSD Board members engaged in a question and answer period. No action was taken.

10. School Counseling Program

Suzanne Shenfil, Human Services Director and Iris Preece, of the Youth & Family Services Division shared an overview of the programs and services being offered and provided to students and families. They are developing data to understand if they are having an impact on attendance, delinquency. A master agreement is being developed with Alameda County, the City of Fremont and Fremont Unified School District to establish goals for the future to measure impacts.

Council members and FUSD Board members engaged in a question and answer period. No action was taken.

11. Safe Routes to School

Dr. Morris shared that October 5 is the first “Walk & Roll to School Day”. This will hopefully encourage walking to school and to demonstrate safe and greener ways to get students to school.

Council members and FUSD Board members engaged in a question and answer period. No action was taken.

12. Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2012
Time: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave., Fremont

- 13. Suggestions for Agenda Items**
Update on Facilities planning
Update on the Wellness Committee
- 14. Meeting Evaluation – None**
- 15. Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Gebhardt adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.